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Some of these are evidently typographical, others quite as clearly result from the author's own carelessness. The following line does not contain syllables enough,

‘The gigantic rocks that look as firm ;’
and in this,

‘The green luxuriance of Spring sparkled,’
the measure requires the accent to bear on the last rather than the first syllable of the concluding word.

With these remarks we must dismiss the volume, pleased with our author's first attempt and glad to say to him, *Macte virtute*.

4.—*A Chronological History of New England, in the form of Annals ; being a summary and exact Account of the most material Transactions and Occurrences relating to this Country, in the Order of Time wherein they happened ; with an Introduction containing a brief Epitome of the most considerable Transactions and Events abroad, from the Creation.* By THOMAS PRINCE, M. A. Boston, 1736. A new edition. 1826. Cummings, Hilliard, & Co. Svo. pp. 439.

THIS very elaborate and useful history is now for the first time published in a uniform edition. It was the misfortune of the learned author to live at a period, when the country was too poor, and the patronage bestowed on literary labors too limited, to enable him to proceed in the publication according to his original design. The first volume, was published, in duodecimo, in the year 1736, embracing what is contained in the first three hundred and sixteen pages of the present volume. It is much to be regretted that the sale of the volume was not sufficient to encourage him to proceed immediately in the work. For want of due encouragement, it was delayed for nearly twenty years, when, in 1755, three pamphlet numbers, of thirtytwo pages each, appeared, in continuation of the work. In 1758 the author died, leaving the work unfinished.

The Reverend Thomas Prince was a native of Middleborough, in the County of Plymouth, and was graduated at Harvard College in 1707. His curiosity was early excited to inquire minutely into the history of the country ; and before he left college he had begun to form a collection of all such books, pamphlets, and manuscripts, coming within his reach, as tended to illustrate the object of his research. He afterwards travelled several years in Europe, during which time he prosecuted his favorite inquiry.

and greatly enriched his collection of books relating to American history. Everywhere, he says, he found the want of a regular history of this country complained of, and he was often moved to undertake to supply it. Soon after his return to this country, in 1718, he was settled as pastor of the Old South Church in Boston, in which situation he found no leisure, for a number of years, for the undertaking. He continued, however, his care in collecting materials for a New England history, and was at length induced, by the urgent solicitations of those who were acquainted with his eminent qualifications for the task, to undertake the present work. Having formed this design, to add to the stock of his materials, all the ministers throughout the country were requested to furnish him with such information as would aid his undertaking. The materials thus collected, added to his precious stock, formed what he denominated a 'New England Library.' This valuable library, with the exception of some material dilapidations which it suffered during the revolutionary war, is still extant, and by the liberality of the proprietors of the Old South Church, is now mostly deposited in the library of the Historical Society.

It has generally been considered a matter of regret that Dr Prince prefixed to his 'New England Annals,' a long and elaborate Introduction, consisting of a chronological record of remarkable events from the creation to the settlement of this country. This portion of his work, though the fruit of vast labor, and careful research, and for many purposes highly valuable, seems to be here misplaced, and however highly we might be disposed to value it, we could not avoid the reflection that the peculiar talents of the author would have been much more profitably employed on that part of the work which was embraced in his original design. This Introduction, most of which is in a tabular form, is, in the present edition, judiciously printed in a small type, and thus compressed within a comparatively small space.

Of the 'New England Chronology,' so far as it extends there has been no difference of opinion. It is distinguished for its accuracy and extreme caution. It contains, within the period embraced in it, almost every thing that later research has been able to discover, and in a form which enables the reader to judge of the authenticity of every statement. Almost the only regret is, that it comes to so premature a close. For the narrative of events which led to the emigration of the first settlers of New England, from 1603 to 1620, and for a minute history of the first settlement of the Plymouth and Massachusetts colonies, to the year 1633, it may be confidently consulted, not only as the most complete and satisfactory work, but as containing almost everything that is extant, arranged in chronological order, with the

authority uniformly cited, and generally in the words of the original narrator. It is therefore a work of the greatest utility, and almost necessary to one who would form an intimate acquaintance with the history of the first planting of New England.

A new edition has long been wanted, as the old one was nowhere to be purchased, and was only to be found in old libraries. The editor of the present edition, besides adopting a more modern and uniform orthography, and introducing in their proper places the additions and corrections made by the author at the end of each part of the original publication, has adopted a more intelligible mode of referring to the authorities quoted, and has added a few explanatory notes. Every public library in the country ought to be furnished with a copy of this work.

5.—*Summary of the Practical Principles of Political Economy, with Observations on Smith's Wealth of Nations, and Say's Political Economy.* By A FRIEND OF DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. Cambridge. Hilliard & Metcalf. 8vo. pp. 88.

As we have not room to examine this work in detail, we shall do no more than give our impressions of its character in a few words. The first part, called a 'Summary,' consists of a series of brief maxims, or principles, on the various topics of political economy, methodically arranged. The second part is made up of criticisms on some of the opinions of Adam Smith, and of Say. The *principles* show an acute mind, quick in research and decision; they are sometimes sound and pithy; but, as far as we understand the subject, they are often of dubious import, and very often entirely erroneous. Precipitancy, imperfect examination, and a proneness to decide on first impressions, we fear have in too many cases led the author astray. We know of no science requiring more patient investigation, than the one which is here briefly dispatched in a series of aphorisms. It is a science involving all the relations of political and social life, and has proved itself too much for the grasp of many of the first order of minds, after years of laborious study and inquiry. It is not surprising, therefore, that our author should fall into many mistakes, in attempting to comprise the whole in so short and hasty a sketch; and that, too, with some professions of originality and new illustrations. Such an undertaking would have appalled most men, and the courage, which, in defiance of such obstacles, has prompted this attempt, may demand our praise even in its failure.